

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Takeshi Yamada et al	:	
	:	Examiner: Marguerite J. McMhon
	:	
Serial No.: 10/597,745	:	Group Art Unit: 3747
	:	
Filed: August 4, 2006	:	Attorney Docket No.: 713128.117
	:	
For: PISTON DEVICE FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE	:	Customer No.: 27128
	:	
	:	Confirmation No.: 5715
Last Office Action: September 15, 2008	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated September 15, 2008, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution at this time the Group I claims, namely, claims 1 and 4, drawn to a piston assembly having a piston ring. The election of the Group I claims are made without traverse and without prejudice to the elected Group I claims and without prejudice to the non-elected Groups II and III claims.

Because Applicants may wish to pursue claims of the non-elected Groups and species at a later date by Divisional Application, if necessary, it is requested that these claims, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142, be permitted to remain in the application, but withdrawn from examination.

Application of: Takeshi Yamada
Serial No.: 10/597,745
Response to Restriction Requirement

This response does not present any new matter. Accordingly, since all requirements of the Action have been complied with, an action on the merits and a Notice of Allowance are hereby respectfully requested.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

10/7/08



Samuel Digirolamo
Reg. No. 29,915
Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP
720 Olive Street, Suite 2400
St. Louis, MO 63101
314-345-6000
ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT